

JANUARY 2010

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**Your
Word
is Life**

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A Message from Pastor David

Dear Church Family,

The story is told that during his days as president, Thomas Jefferson and a group of companions were traveling across the country on horseback. They came to a river, which had left its banks because of a recent downpour. The swollen river had washed the bridge away. Each rider was forced to ford the river on horseback, fighting for his life against the rapid currents. The very real possibility of death threatened riders, which caused a traveler who was not part of their group to step aside and watch. After several had plunged in and made it to the other side, the stranger asked President Jefferson if he would ferry him across the river. The President agreed without hesitation. The man climbed on, and shortly thereafter the two of them made it safely to the other side. As the stranger slid off the back of the saddle onto dry ground, one in the group asked him, "Tell me, why did you select the President to ask this favor of?" The man was shocked, admitting he had no idea it was the President who had helped him. "All I know," he said, "is that on some of your faces was written the answer 'No,' and on some of them was the answer 'Yes.' His was a 'Yes' face."



Pastor David Leavell

Like President Jefferson crossing the river, we face a New Year of opportunities, challenges and uncertainties. What we know for certain is that God is in control. He has a wonderful plan for our lives individually and as a church family. When God looks at my face, will He see a "No" face or a "Yes" face? I resolve in my heart to keep a "YES" face as I respond to God's plans for my life and church. It is thrilling to anticipate what God will accomplish through our lives as we daily say "Yes, Lord, Yes!"

I look forward to seeing you Sunday with a smile on your face, a Bible in your hand, and a friend who needs Jesus by your side.

Keep the Son in Your Eyes,
Pastor David

Pictorial Directory by Olan Mills

We are going to do a pictorial directory for our church and encourage all church members to have their picture taken (family or individual portraits). You may reserve your appointment on our web site. One 8 x 10 custom color portrait will be given to each family or household that has a picture taken.

The deadline for turning in military photos along with the completed information card is Friday, January 8, 2010. All information on the military information card must be complete or it will not be accepted. Photos will NOT be returned.

Tax Notice for 2009

Contributions must be received or postmarked by December 31, 2009 to be deductible in 2009. Donors should be advised not to file their federal tax return before they receive their contribution summary from the church.

**In the Spotlight:
Rob Ray, Associate Pastor and Church Administrator**



How did you come to the ministry?

During youth camp between my sophomore and junior year in high school, I sensed God calling me to preach the gospel. I had just led my first person to Christ, and sensed

God wanted me to spend my life introducing people to Christ and helping them grow to be like Him. Before anyone knew God was dealing with me, my youth pastor and a close friend both came to me during that same invitation and said that God had impressed on their heart that God wanted me in ministry confirming what I was sensing. I have been preaching ever since. I started serving in my first staff assignment at age 19, over 31 years ago.

What are your hopes and desires for your personal ministry?

The last twenty years or so of my ministry, I have wanted to raise up and equip as many leaders for the Kingdom as possible. Early in my ministry I tried to do too much by myself. I want to see the Kingdom and First Baptist grow exponentially,

and that can only happen as we equip Spirit-filled, Christ-exalting leaders. Specifically, I want to guide the FBC staff in reaching their full potential in Christ and assist Pastor David as he leads our church into uncharted waters.

What is an interesting and unknown fact about you?

I do most of the cooking at home and love to watch romantic movies with my wife.

What do you like to do in your free time?

I love to hunt, fish, play golf, basketball, and spend the day on the lake with family and friends.

What are your favorite food, book, and movie?

I like most foods, but my favorite would probably be seafood, especially lobster. I love to read, especially books on spiritual leadership and expository preaching. The one book I try to read each year is *Ablaze for His Glory* by Wesley Dewell.

What is your favorite verse?

Philippians 3:10 - "That I may know Christ, and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, and be made conformable to His death."

Contact Numbers

Church Office	872-2264
Church Fax	872-3809
Staff on Call	451-7040 (cell)
Family Life Center	873-8929
Recreation Hotline	872-6823
Pastor David Leavell	268-8806 (cell)
Rob Ray	753-0985 (res)
Rusty Eason	828-3353 (cell)
Gary Stafford	848-8789 (cell)
Doug Dickson	828-2607 (cell)
Drew Murphy	876-3666 (res)
Brandon Burch	828-2815 (cell)
Jonathan Downs	337-0889 (cell)
Sharon Hambick	835-3501 (res)
Ian Underhile	828-2751 (cell)
John Proctor	840-4602 (res)

Connect Class



Sunday, January 10 at 9:00 a.m.
Family Life Center Lobby
If you are a new member or are considering membership, come and see how you can connect to God, others, and FBC.

Please call the office at 872-2264 and register for the next class.



Music Ministry

Power Praise Choir
Starts back January 3.
Sunday Nights in Worship Center.
Rehearsal 5:00 p.m. Worship 6:00 p.m.
Ages 11–100. Dress Casual.

Adult Choir
Rehearsal starts back Wednesday, January 6. We will begin working on our Easter Musical, so this is a great time to join the choir! Watch for announcements in the bulletin for help with unloading the stage set, construction of the set, drama auditions, etc. Sign-up sheets will be available.

Music Training School Recital
Spring 2010 semester begins January 4.

Hallelujah Choir
Starts back Thursday, January 7.

Preschool/Children's Choirs
Start back Sunday, January 17 at 5:00 p.m.

A prayer that will change you and our church

1 Chronicles 4:9-10 - "And Jabez was more honorable than his brothers, and his mother named him Jabez saying, 'Because I bore him with pain.' Now Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, 'Oh that Thou wouldst bless me indeed, and enlarge my border, and that Thy hand might be with me, and that Thou wouldst keep me from harm, that it may not pain me!' And God granted him what he requested."

Heavenly Father,

Based upon Your graciousness and willingness, make me a blessed believer. Enrich my life with Your abundant blessings. I desire a personal and plentiful blessing that I can share with others. I covet Your bounty and best for my life. I want others to see that You are a loving and gracious God through Your blessings.

Make me a bigger believer by enlarging my border. Increase my influence for You, deepen my love toward You, strengthen my faith in You, and increase my knowledge of You. I reject mediocrity, and choose to reach my full potential in Christ.

God of all grace, may Your hand be upon me to make me a bolder believer. Empower me with Your Holy Spirit to live a holy life testifying of the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. I cannot attain Your will for my life in my own strength. Therefore, I choose to live in dependence upon the Holy Spirit and in the demonstration of Your power. May others know that You are with me.

Lord, be my shield and defender. Keep me from evil so that I may become all that You want me to become. I know as You bless me that the enemy will increase his attacks; therefore, I choose to resist him in the power and name of the resurrected Christ. I further know that I am vulnerable to pride so I humble myself before You now, that You may exalt me in due time.

Thank You for hearing my prayer. By faith in the crucified and risen Lord Jesus Christ, I know that You are going to answer this prayer. You are indeed able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that I ask or think.

I ask this in the strong and saving name of Jesus, Amen.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Church Offices Closed	2
3	4	5 2:00 p.m. Pictorial Directory Photos (by appointment) 6:15 p.m. GROW "G" Night	6 2:00 p.m. Pictorial Directory Photos (by appointment)	7 11:00 a.m. Hallelujah Choir	8	9 9:00 a.m. Special Needs Outreach
Young Adult Ministry Passion Conference						
10 9:00 a.m. Connect Class 6:00 p.m. Lord's Supper	11	12 2:00 p.m. Pictorial Directory Photos (by appointment) 6:15 p.m. GROW "R" Night	13 2:00 p.m. Pictorial Directory Photos (by appointment) 6:30 p.m. Buisness Meeting	14 2:00 p.m. Pictorial Directory Photos (by appointment)	15 2:00 p.m. Pictorial Directory Photos (by appointment)	16 9:30 a.m. Pictorial Directory Photos (by appointment)
17 5:00 p.m. SALT Meeting	18 5:30 p.m. Family Skate Night at Cordova Skate Center	19 2:00 p.m. Pictorial Directory Photos (by appointment) 6:15 p.m. GROW "O" Night	20 2:00 p.m. Pictorial Directory Photos (by appointment)	21 12:00 p.m. Hallelujah Choir Outreach 2:00 p.m. Pictorial Directory Photos (by appointment)	22 2:00 p.m. Pictorial Directory Photos (by appointment)	23 9:30 a.m. Pictorial Directory Photos (by appointment)
MLK Movie and Missions					Maximum Man Conference	
24 5:00 p.m. Disciple College Begins	25	26 2:00 p.m. Pictorial Directory Photos (by appointment) 6:15 p.m. GROW "W" Night	27 2:00 p.m. Pictorial Directory Photos (by appointment)	28 2:00 p.m. Pictorial Directory Photos (by appointment) 6:00 p.m. Homeschooler's Support Group	29 2:00 p.m. Pictorial Directory Photos (by appointment)	30 9:30 a.m. Pictorial Directory Photos (by appointment)
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Weekly Events

Sundays
 9:00, 10:30 a.m. Sunday School
 9:00, 10:30 a.m. Worship
 4:00 p.m. Power Praise Band
 5:00 p.m. Disciple College, Power Praise Choir and Band Rehearsal, Adult Handbells, PS/Children's Choirs
 6:00 p.m. Worship

Mondays
 9:00 a.m. Senior Adult Aerobics

Tuesdays
 10:00 a.m. English Second Language, Women's Bible Study, Tuesdays at FBC
 6:00 p.m. English Second Language
 6:15 p.m. FAITH / GROW

Wednesdays
 9:00 a.m. Senior Adult Aerobics
 4:45 p.m. Fellowship Meal
 5:30 p.m. Depression Support, Intermediate Orchestra, Prayer Team Meeting
 5:45 p.m. Adult Sunday School Teachers' Meeting
 6:15 p.m. Orchestra
 6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Olympians, GoodStuf, Dive, Divorce Care, Adult Choir
 7:00 p.m. Thirst

Fellowship Meals

January 6
 Spaghetti, Slaw, Green Beans, Garlic Bread

January 13
 Pan Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Lima Beans, Biscuits

January 20
 Steaks, Au Gratin Potatoes, Peas and Carrots

January 27
 Pork Chops, Mac and Cheese, Broccoli Normandy

Salad Bar, Dessert, and Beverage included with meals



Preschool and Children's Family Skate Night

January 18 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Cost \$4 per person. Pay at the door.

We have rented out the Cordova Skating Center. Families can spend the evening fellowshiping with friends and skating to Christian music. Concessions are available for an extra cost.

Adult Sunday School Ministry

In January, we will continue our Explore the Bible study in the Book of Mark. It is entitled, "Mark: How to live in Stressful Times". This study presents the ministry and teachings of the life of Jesus. It also provides encouragement for believers facing persecution. Our study is divided into two units:

Unit 2: Find What You Need

- Jan. 3: How to Be Courageous
- Jan. 10: How to Develop Your Faith
- Jan. 17: How to Be Pro-Life
Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
- Jan. 24: How to Get Along with Others
- Jan. 31: How to Be Successful

Unit 3: Face Your Problems

- Feb. 7: When Priorities are Challenged
- Feb. 14: When You Feel Overwhelmed
- Feb. 21: When You Have Difficult Decisions
- Feb. 28: When Life is Unfair

This new year please take the opportunity of being involved in a small group. You will be blessed.

Young Adult Ministry

Super Bowl Party

Sunday, February 7, 5:00 p.m. at Doug & Erin Dickson's house.

Snowshoe Resort

Snow skiing in West Virginia March 8-11. \$235 plus meals while traveling. Price includes 3 nights lodging and 2 days skiing at Snowshoe Mountain Resort.

Deadline to register is Sunday, February 7.

Recreation Ministry

Adult Registrations

\$35 per participant. Must be at least 18 yrs old to participate.

Basketball - Games begin mid-February. All games will be on Thursday evenings.

Volleyball - Games begin in March. All games will be on Monday evenings.

Aerobics

Remember that aerobics classes start back January 11.

Student Ministry

"MLK Melee Mission"

With Dave Hunt Band!

The event begins with a crazy recreation competition led by the Young Adult Ministry in the gym followed by a giant ice cream sundae and a late night movie! The next day, there will be morning missions in Millington and Tipton County.

Sunday night, January 17 through Monday morning, January 18, 2010 at FBC Millington and the surrounding community.

Starts with registration/check-in in the Fellowship Hall at 5:00 p.m. Ends Monday at 12:30 p.m. at the church.

Cost: \$ 5 per person.

Who can come: 6th-12th grade students

What to bring: Bible, sleeping bag/air mattress, pillow, clothes to play, work and worship in, toiletry items, and a towel.

"Super Sunday Parties"

Sunday night, February 7
Starts at 5:00 p.m. and ends at 9:30 p.m.
Free to attend for you and your friends.

We are watching the big game on big screens with Sunday School classes. Anyone in your grade and your friends can come to the super Sunday party. Free food and drinks at each place. Games will be played throughout the night.

6th Grade - the Brown's house
7 & 8th Grade - the Beyer's house
9 & 10th Grad - the Boys Ranch
11 & 12th Grade - the Boatwright's house

Women's Ministry

Women on Mission

The next meeting will be on January 7 at 9:30 a.m. in room A-255.

Special Needs

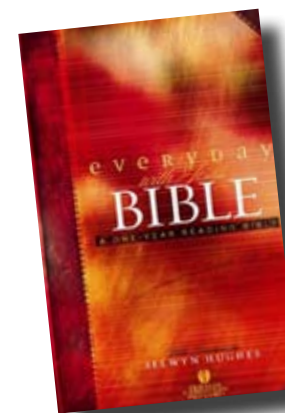
There will be an Adult Special Needs Outreach on January 9, 9:00 am - noon in the Family Life Center.

One Year, One Book

Your Word is Life

Hebrews 4:12

Pastor David has challenged every church member to read through the Bible in 2010. The Church is making available *Everyday with Jesus Bible: A One Year reading Bible* for purchase. By reading approximately 15 minutes a day, you can read through the Bible. This Bible has a daily Old and New Testament reading plus a portion from Psalms and Proverbs. Also included is a daily devotional.



The *Everyday Bible* retails for \$14.97. Get your copy from the church office or foyer.

- 1-2 Bibles \$8 each
- 3-4 Bibles \$7 each
- 6 + Bibles \$6 each

Hebrews 4:12 - "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

Thank you

I want to thank all of our Christian friends at First Baptist for their prayers in my sister's sickness and her death; the cards and prayers meant so much. My Sunday school class meant so much to me, I don't know what I would do without them. They are always there when I need them. I love Franscene Autry; she is such a sweet lady. I love my church. Thank you,

Willie and Betty Fortune

Thank you so much for your prayers, cards, support and donations to the building fund in honor of my brother during his homegoing. God bless all of you. We love you!

Glenn, Opal Johnson and Family

Thank you so much for your prayers, visits, and support during my recent surgery and illness. Thank you Bro. Ian and Mr. and Mrs. Cline for your visits and prayers while I was in the hospital. God is good all the time. May God richly bless you.

Glenda Scott and Family

I love this church. Thank you for helping us through the death of our daughter, Christy. So much love, so much kindness, so much giving. Thank you; we could not get through it without you!

Allan and Tommie Smith

Congratulations

Great grandparents, Butch, Joan Sims and great-great grandparent J. C. Floyd on the birth of Emma Gail Sanders.

Sympathy

Mrs. Billie Hamlin, Wanda Rush and family in the death of Billie's brother and Wanda's uncle, Bobby Joe Johnson.

Janice, Jill Oliver and family in the death of Janice's son and Jill's brother, Kip Oliver.

Frank, Candi Turner and family in the death of her father, Frank William Johnson, and her mother Mavis Johnson.

Ricky, Suzanne Martin and family in the death of her father, James Doty.

Becky and Thomas Rinehart and family in the death of Becky's father-in-law and Thomas' grandfather.

TJ Duncan and family in the death of his wife, Louise.

Robert Noah and family in the death of his wife, Olean.

THE MAXIMUM MAN

A MAN'S CONFERENCE



"I sought for a man to stand in the gap."
Ezekiel 22:30

January 22-23, 2010 Englewood Baptist Church Jackson, TN

Speakers Include: Tony Evans, Walt Wiley Charles Lowery, Fred Wolfe, Bill Glass, David Barton, Lee Jenkins, and Wade Atkins

Registration Fee \$80 (Double Occupancy) \$110 (Single Occupancy)

Registration Includes Hotel, Transportation, Breakfast Saturday, Conference Material, and Refreshments at each Break. Deadline to register through the Church is January 13, 2010.

REFLECTION

NON-PROFIT
Postage PAID
Permit # 43
Millington, TN

Christmas At Prison

During a time when money is so tight, I discovered that God's people gave exceedingly and abundantly more than I could ever imagine. Ms. Jeannie, with the Tuesday Ladies, kept calling me and asking what to do with all the extra food. I told her to stuff those bags and give these men in prison the best Christmas ever. Not only the inmates, but also the officers who work the prison, were blessed with the abundance of goodies. Our Children's Ministry also handmade Christmas cards for each inmate. But the real gold came from the young men from our Student Ministry who preached the Gospel message on a Christmas theme.

The devil fought us hard but the end results were that nine inmates came to know Christ. Mike Lovelace informs me that they were able to share the gospel with seven officers. In addition to the preaching and singing carols, the volunteers had time to visit with each of the inmates at their cells. Only God could orchestrate an event as fast paced as this with these results.

I want to make special mention of some folks who are heroes here, and that is our Tuesday Ladies. They volunteer every year to separate and bag all the donated stationery and food items. This allows the teams time to witness to each inmate. I broke down in tears of joy when the reports started coming in from team leaders Mike Lovelace and Ronnie Osborne. (I just had open heart surgery and was unable to attend this year, and had to be satisfied with working from the side lines.)

In closing I want to thank all of God's people for their generosity; to all those who worked behind the scenes, and to our church staff who support this effort to reach these folks who have been forgotten by society. There was such an abundance of food that Ronnie delivered two boxes to a nursing home. On behalf of the Prison Ministry, I want to say thank you to everyone and God bless you. Thank You, Lord Jesus for your great gift to us all.

Ron DeBoor

First Stats

	Worship	Sunday School	Disciple College
November 22	2,143	1,418	N/A
November 29	2,044	1,305	152
December 6	2,220	1,457	N/A
December 13	2,286	1,463	N/A

Giving

Budget	\$	219,513.79
Harvest Offering		39,271.85
Missions		7,345.26
Other		2,372.00
Total	\$	268,502.90

Building Loan Balance

As of December 28, 2009	\$	6,950,812.94
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Decisions

Baptism

Breanna Waits	Bonnie Mosby
Carlos Santibanez	Melanie Santibanez
Shelby Benoit	Bailee Webb
Mikaela Clevenger	Destiny Jones
Charles Bush	Lindsay Wallace
Nikki Boyd	Kimberly Hines
Zach Ramsey	Ryan Howard

Profession of Faith

Bailee Webb	Abby Garrett
Brandy Culbertson	Kevin Adams

Letter

Lynn Simcox	John Adams
Jesse White	Thelma White
Keith Alan Kincaid	Linda Jo Kincaid

Rededication

Bethany Craddock



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